(d) whether additional hectares of land in that State is proposed to be brought under tea plantation; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) So far 213 hectares of land has been brought under tea cultivation in the Keonjhar District of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Tea plantations had a set back in the year 1989 in the State of Orissa due to unprecedented drought which resulted in heavy casualty of the bushes. However, the gardens have since been revived and during the year 1999, one lakh kg of tea was produced.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The State Government has plans to bring 1000 hectares of land under tea cultivation for the benefit of small tribal fanners. An area of 100 ha. has already been identified by the State Govt, for immediate tea planting.

Import of Second Hand Cars

325. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any restriction has been imposed on imports of second hand foreign cars to ensure that India do not become a dumping ground of junks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that pollution norms and safety norms are tested before permitting any import of automobiles?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Second hand/used motor cars (including jeeps and land rovers), are classified under Exim Code No. 87.03 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items. Presently imports under this Exim Code are restricted.

(c) Since the import of second hand foreign cars is restricted, the question does not arise.

Development of Commerce through Surface Route

326. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to Bangladesh Government for the development of commerce between the two countries;